

Appl. No. 10/713,452
Atty. Docket No. 9101
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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14-25, 27-29 and 31 are now in the application. Claims 11-13, 26, 30, 32 and 33 have been cancelled as redundant in view of the amendments to the remaining claims.

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite that the compositions are for use in a wash or rinse liquor. Basis is at page 3, line 37.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a Makush group of encapsulating agents. Basis is at page 10, first two paragraphs and lines 23-27 as well as page 11, lines 8-9 and lines 13-24.

Claim 1 has been further amended to recite that the encapsulating agents are substantially free of low critical solution temperature polymers. Basis is at page 7, lines 11-18.

Claims 1 and 14 have also been amended to recite that the glassware active agent protects glassware from corrosion. Basis is at page 3, lines 14-15.

It is submitted that all amendments are fully supported, and entry is requested.

Claim Objections

The cancellation of Claims 30 and 33 has obviated the objections to those claims.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-4, 8-17, 21-29 and 31 stand rejected over U.S. 6,093,343, for reasons of record at pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, to the extent they may apply to the claims as now amended.

While '343 teaches the encapsulation of bleach catalysts, the encapsulating agents taught therein (see col. 5, lines 60-65) are not the encapsulating coatings used herein, per the amended claims. (See argument under §103, below.) Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under §102 are therefore requested.

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Rejections Under 35 USC 103

Claims 5-7, 18-20, 30 and 32-33 stand rejected over U.S. 6,093,343, for reasons of record at pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections on this basis, to the extent they may apply to the claims as now amended.

It is noted that nothing in '343 in any way relates to the problem addressed herein – the unwanted clumping of glass protectants – much less its solution by encapsulation of said protectants using the agents now claimed.

Importantly, while '343 recognizes the glassware corrosion problem (see col. 10, line 63 to col. 11, line 6) the only solution suggested is the use of alkali silicates and/or metasilicates. Nothing therein suggest the present means for addressing the problem.

Moreover, while '343 teaches that the bleach catalysts can be encapsulated, the agents used are not those of the present invention. Indeed, the agents of '343 would appear, in general, to be the types that are substantially avoided in the present invention. Accordingly, it can be fairly stated that '343 tends to teach away from the present claims.

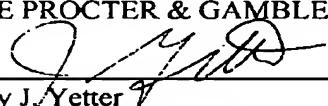
In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under §103 are requested.

In view of the amendments presented and the foregoing discussion, early and favorable action is requested.

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